

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S775–S816

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 285–315, and S. Res. 35–39. **Pages S779–S801**

Measures Passed:

National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 37, designating the week beginning February 3, 2019, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”. **Page S815**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 38, designating the week of February 4 through 8, 2019, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S815**

American Farm Bureau Federation 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 39, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Farm Bureau Federation and celebrating the long history of the American Farm Bureau Federation representing the farmers of the United States. **Page S815**

Measures Considered:

Strengthening America’s Security in the Middle East Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S776–77, S777–94**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 65, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security. **Page S776**

Menendez Amendment No. 96 (to McConnell Amendment No. 65), to clarify that the amendment shall not be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of military force. **Page S789**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 31, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2019.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 13), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 65 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on McConnell Amendment No. 65 expire, and the cloture motions filed on Thursday, January 31, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2019; and that the filing deadline for the cloture motion with respect to the bill be at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2019, for first-degree amendments.

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Natural Resources Management Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people.

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Appointments:

British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the

Democratic Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 116th Congress: Senator Leahy. **Page S815**

British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group Conference during the 116th Congress: Senator Boozman. **Page S815**

Messages From the House: **Page S798**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S794, S798**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S801–02**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S802–12**

Additional Statements: **Pages S794–98**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S812–15**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—13) **Page S789**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:36 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S815–16.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 116th Congress:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Portman (Chair), Paul, Lankford, Romney, Hawley, Carper, Hassan, Harris, and Rosen.

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management: Senators Paul (Chair), Scott (FL), Enzi, Hawley, Hassan, Harris, and Sinema.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management: Senators Lankford (Chair), Portman, Romney, Scott (FL), Enzi, Sinema, Carper, and Rosen.

Senators Johnson and Peters are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 934–945, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 94, were introduced. **Pages H1341–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1342–43**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D85)

S. 24, to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations. Signed on January 16, 2019. (Public Law 116–1)

H.R. 251, to extend by 15 months the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security. Signed on January 18, 2019. (Public Law 116–2)

H.R. 259, to extend the Medicaid Money Follows the Person Rebalancing demonstration, to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment. Signed on January 24, 2019. (Public Law 116–3)

H.R. 430, to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through June 30, 2019. Signed on January 24, 2019. (Public Law 116–4)

H.J. Res. 28, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019. Signed on January 25, 2019. (Public Law 116–5)